



# Duvall News

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

December is a fun month to catch up with family members, enjoy a great meal together, and decorate the tree or house. It is always fun to see what my neighbors do with their home. They really decorate their house up right with the lights on their trees.

Speaking of lights, I hope all of you enjoyed the Holiday Tree Lighting Event. It was great to see all of the folks that turned out. I want to personally thank all of the service groups that helped make the event special, from the Rotary Club with the Holiday Heifer, to the church groups and the police and fire departments that worked hard to make the event enjoyable for everyone who attended.

If you did not get a chance to attend the event and still want to enjoy other community events, check out the city website for links to a webpage listing all the Holiday Happenings.

December is also the month that I want to thank folks for all of the hard work they put into making our community great. Whether you helped with a community event or volunteered in our schools, I and the rest of the city appreciate your efforts. Working as a volunteer is not easy and each year the city recognizes a community member who has really gone above and beyond with their contributions. This year's Volunteer of the Year is Paige Denison. Paige has helped our community out in so many different ways. She has helped in the schools, co-organize the annual Fun Runs, and has served as the chair to the Library Board. Paige is someone who is always willing to help out and has proven it time and time again. This year I have added a Youth Volunteer of the Year. I believe our youth have done a lot to make our city great, so I feel we need to recognize them. For 2009 the youth volunteer is Cody Chriest. Cody helped out over the summer with the SummerStage concerts, and also installed a ramp at the Dougherty House as his Eagle Scout project. Cody is someone who loves to help out the community and really works hard to make it a better place. Please congratulate our Volunteers of the Year when you see them in town.

On a different note, December also brings out the change in the weather. This year the City Council made an investment in some additional equipment to deal with snow if we see it. We are also creating signage if the river floods and we will keep the website up to date on any changing conditions.

Finally, I want to personally thank all of you for working with me over the last four years as your Mayor and I look forward to working with you for another four years.

Enjoy, the holidays with family and friends.  
Will Ibershof



## CHRISTMAS TREE-CYCLING

After you remove all the ornaments and tinsel, here are two environmentally friendly options for recycling your tree:

### Curbside Yard Waste - SUBSCRIBERS ONLY

Put your tree in your yard waste container. Trees must be de-limbed and cut into three foot (3') sections. Due to Christmas and New Year's falling on Fridays this year, garbage collection will be delayed by one day. For more information, go to <http://wmnorthwest.com/duvall>.

### Duvall & Carnation Scout Collection/Drop-off

Scouts will collect trees door-to-door in selected neighborhoods as a fundraiser on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. You can also drop your tree off at Duvall's Taylor Landing Park on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> by 12:00p.m. (noon) or at Carnation Tree Farm by 2:00 p.m. Suggested donations of \$10 or more are appreciated.

### Pick up what the chippers leave behind...

Free chips will be available at Duvall's Taylor Landing on Sunday and Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Bring your own shovel, truck, wheelbarrow, manual labor and any other tools you will need. These chips are great to use as garden mulch and pet bedding.



## GO PAPERLESS - E-BILL OPTION

Thank you to all of our citizens who have signed up for our new E-Bill (Electronic Bill) option! We already have over 200 customers taking advantage of this new program. This program saves time, postage, envelopes, and paper.

If you are interested in the E-Bill option, please email [stephanie.goodwin@duvallwa.gov](mailto:stephanie.goodwin@duvallwa.gov) and ask her to sign you up. Please include your account number. You will still receive the Duvall News as an attachment with your electronic bill. You can also pay your City of Duvall utility bill with a Visa or MasterCard free of charge through the E-Bill program.

**City of Duvall offices will be closed for the following holidays:**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> (Friday)**  
**In Observance of Christmas Day**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday)**  
**In Observance of New Year's Day**



## CITY OF DUVALL POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR SNOW & ICE ROAD CONDITIONS

**A**s we saw during last December's storms, if the snow starts to fall at a high rate it may be impossible to remove all of the snow before the cold temperatures quickly turn the snow to ice. Once the streets have become iced over and the majority of snow has been removed, additional plowing is not effective at removing the ice until temperatures rise above freezing.

This year to aid snow removal efforts and expand our capabilities, the City Council chose to make funds available to purchase an additional plow and de-icing applicator to be retrofitted onto an existing public works 4x4 truck. De-icing will help the roads become bare and wet sooner, allowing for plowing to also be more productive. We've also purchased salt to use in extreme situations. The de-icing liquid is only effective if applied prior to the freezing or snow event but it does lose its effectiveness once temperatures drop below 24°F. We do repeatedly sand to help you keep traction on the roads. Sanding does help on the ice, but only lasts a short time since it cannot bind to the ice. In situations where the temperature is anticipated to be around 24°F we will utilize salt instead of liquid de-icer. Even if the temperature drops too low, the salt will be embedded in the ice and aid it in thawing once the temperature rises. Please see our snow and ice removal plan on the city website for more information.

The City maintenance department now has two snowplows with sanders, and an additional plow with spray down liquid de-icer. First and foremost, we maintain the major streets within City limits. The City has a designated snow route that is advised for drivers during winter conditions. This route is cleared first so that emergency vehicles can safely travel throughout the City. Please log on to [www.duvallwa.gov](http://www.duvallwa.gov) for a map of our snow routes.



The City of Duvall tries to address and respond to every situation, but there are some things that do happen that are beyond our control. Unfortunately, our resources are limited and the City may not be able to immediately respond to all icy road conditions. Please remember to be prepared. If you must drive during these conditions, please consider using chains or snow tires. It is also advised when you drive in these conditions, that you follow the snow routes as much as possible, have a full tank of gas, wear warm clothes & footwear, and also try to avoid the icy wheel paths. Make sure to give yourself plenty of space between vehicles and plenty of time to get to your destination. You never know when you might get stuck and have to wait in the cold for assistance.

Please feel free to contact us with additional questions or solutions you may have. Steve Leniszewski, PE, Public Works Director 425-788-3434 or email [steven.leniszewski@duvallwa.gov](mailto:steven.leniszewski@duvallwa.gov).

### CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS

Please be prepared for the upcoming winter conditions. Have your vehicle winterized, and make sure you have adequate traction devices for the conditions you'll be driving in. Please be patient and courteous to other drivers when traveling in hazardous conditions. Drive only when necessary and plan for delays.

### PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Property owners will be responsible to clear away snow from all walkways adjoining their property. The City does not have the personnel to remove snow from sidewalks that are not part of the Public Works Department's Snow Removal Plan. If in the rare event the snow is piled up from plows and graders along parking lots, parking stalls, corners of intersections, the City will remove the snow to another remote location, only *after* all other services are performed.

### *Elected Officials*

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**December 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> : City Council Meetings** - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station. **(Please note that the 2nd Council Meeting in December may be cancelled, due to the Christmas Holiday)**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.